

MESSAGE TRANSFER METHOD AND APPARATUS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 The number of nodes that can be identified is
increased without redefining switching request and
switching status fields in existing K1/K2 bytes. Eight
bits are assigned to a node ID field, and source node ID
is stored in the node ID field when transmitting over a
short path, while a destination node ID is stored in the
node ID field when it transmitting over a long path.